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SUBJECT: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATIONS

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS SOURCES, FRELIMO AND/OR MOZAMBIQUE
GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO SEND OUT INVITATIONS FOR
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE
APPROXIMATELY 4,000 WILL BE INVITED; 300 JOURNALISTS EXPECTED
TO COVER EVENT.

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WM MTG HAS TAKEN OVER ALL ROOMS (APPROXIMATELY 700) IN MAJOR HOTELS IN LOURENCO MARQUES TO ACCOMMODATE INDEPENDENCE GUESTS; REMAINING HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES ARE FULLY BOOKED. WE THEREFORE DOUBT WE WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN HOTEL ROOMS FOR ANY U.S. VIP'S PLANNING TO ATTEND INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS UNLESS THEY HAVE RECEIVED FORMAL INVITATIONS FROM MTG OR FRELIMO. CONGEN STAFF PRIVATE HOMES ARE ALREADY OVERFLOWING WITH VISITORS AND WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER SOURCES OF ACCOMMODATION.

3. BY NOW, IT APPEARS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT USG WILL NOT BE ONE OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS INVITED BY FRELIMO TO SEND AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION FOR INDEPENDENCE. (AFRICAN, BLOC AND SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES WILL PRESUMABLY BE INVITED SEND GOVERNMENT OR PARTY DELS.) SINCE INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONS HAVE BEGUN TO BE EXTENDED, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CHECK WITH CONGRESSMEN WITH GOOD FRELIMO CONNECTIONS AND PN BLACK CAUCUS TO SEE WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN INVITED AS INDIVIDUALS. IF THEY HAVE BEEN INVITED, WE RECOMMEND THEY BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND, IF APPROPRIATE BY DEPUTIZING THEM AS USG DELS AND BY PROVIDING TRAVEL FUNDING; IF NOT, THEY SHOULD BE INFORMED ABOUT HOTEL SITUATION AND TOLD IT IS UNLIKELY EITHER U.S. CONGEN PERSONNEL OR UNINVITED U.S. DIGNITARIES WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND MAIN INDEPENDENCE FUNCTIONS. (HAVE BRIEFED VISITING AF/P DEPUTY DIRECTOR POPE ON DETAILS ABOVE.)

4. WITH ABOVE IN MIND, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING ASAP NAMES AND ETA OF ANY PROMINENT AMERICANS ATTENDING INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. IF ANY INFO ADDRESSEES LEARN OF INVITATIONS RECEIVED, PLEASE INFORM.
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